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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24,
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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
BUREAUS. EA, NEA, H, AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT.

AF - WILLIAM E. SCHAUFELLE, JR.

ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER: YESTERDAY I MET WITH
ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KIFLE WODAJO IN NEW YORK TO
CONVEY YOUR REQUEST THAT THE ETHIOPIANS RECONSIDER THEIR
REQUEST TO US TO WITHDRAW AMBASSADOR GODLEY'S APPOINTMENT.
KIFLE REPEATED HIS PREVIOUS POSITION THAT ADVERSE PUBLICITY
HERE REPRINTED IN ADDIS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR
AMBASSADOR GODLEY TO OPERATE AND WOULD MAKE HIM A FOCUS FOR
ANTI-US PROPAGANDA. HE FELT THAT THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRA-
TIONS WOULD FACILITATE OUR WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT.
HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE MATTER. I
REPLIED THAT WE WERE NOT BUT THAT THEY ALREADY HAD, AND
THAT IT WOULD CAUSE STRAINS IN OUR RELATIONS IF WE HAD
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TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN THE SENATE AS TO WHY WE WERE NOT
PROCEEDING WITH AN APPOINTMENT FOR WHICH AGREEMENT HAD
ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED. I ADDED THAT IT WAS WITH THE
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT THAT AMB. GODLEY WOULD BE DEALING

AND I DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH HASN'T EVEN OCCURRED. HE ENDED BY AGREEING TO PRESENT OUR REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES: I TALKED TO DAVID BELL OF THE LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES ON BACKGROUND. MR. BELL WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN (1) US ASSESSMENT OF THE UK ATTITUDE TOWARDS ACCEPTING A GREATER ROLE IN THE RHODESIAN SITUATION; (2) SOUTH AFRICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH RHODESIA AND THE EMERGENCE OF MAJORITY RULE; (3) EFFECT OF U.S. TRANSITION ON AFRICA POLICY; (4) IAN SMITH'S STATEMENT ABOUT POSSIBLE WESTERN ASSISTANCE; AND (5) WHETHER OR NOT THE SECRETARY PLANS TO GO TO GENEVA. I FENDED OFF THESE QUESTIONS WITH VAGUE GENERALITIES OR THE STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO GET INTO DETAIL ABOUT NEGOTIATION IN PROGRESS.

SWEDISH AMBASSADOR. AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER CALLED FOR AN

UPDATING ON GENEVA. I POINTED OUT THAT THE INDEPENDENCE DATE ISSUE WAS NOT THE REAL SUBSTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE BUT HAD BECOME A PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER. WE HOPED IT WOULD BE OVERCOME. I SUGGESTED THAT THE SWEDES, IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH AFRICANS, COULD USEFULLY URGE COMPROMISE.

ACTION TAKEN ON CRITICAL MESSAGES: NONE.

ARA - SHLAUDEMAN

MEXICO -- JOE GRUNWALD LUNCED WITH THE CHIEFS OF A WORLD BANK MISSION WHO JUST RETURNED FROM A MONTH IN MEXICO. THEY CONFIRMED OUR VIEWS THAT (A) THE MEXICAN ECONOMIC POTENTIAL IS SOUND; MEXICAN BUSINESSMEN STAND READY TO INVEST IF LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL CREATE THE PROPER ENVIRONMENT; THE SECOND AND THIRD DEVALUATIONS HAD NO ECONOMIC RATIONALE. (B) THE NEW MEXICAN ADMINISTRATION
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WILL HAVE TO RENEGOTIATE THE IMF COMMITMENTS. AS THEY NOW STAND MEXICO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLY. (C) NO PREDICTIONS ARE POSSIBLE ABOUT THE TURN OF EVENTS AFTER THE INAUGURATION.

RANGEL -- BILL LUERS CALLED CHARLIE RANGEL TO DISCUSS RANGEL'S RECENT TRIP TO JAMAICA. RANGEL SAW A GOOD DEAL OF MANLEY AND SEAGA. HE THINKS SOME OF MANLEY'S SOCIALIST IDEAS ARE DAMAGING THE COUNTRY. BUT HE BELIEVES THAT AFTER JAMAICA'S ELECTIONS WE SHOULD DO MORE TO HELP THEM, NO MATTER WHO IS ELECTED.

RANGEL THEN TURNED TO NARCOTICS. HE SAID THE QUANTITY OF

MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN IS GREATER ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK NOW THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. HE HELD HEARINGS IN NEW YORK CITY AND WILL DO SO IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. MEXICAN "BROWN" IS SO ABUNDANT THAT THE PUSHERS ARE OPENLY HAWKING IT ON THE STREETS AT CUT RATES. HIS CONCLUSION IS THAT OUR ERADICATION EFFORTS IN MEXICO ARE NOT PAYING OFF.

PERU -- BILL LUERS LUNCED WITH AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA. THE AMBASSADOR OPENLY COMPLAINED ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S APPARENT INTENTIONS TO BUY SOVIET AIRCRAFT. HE ALSO HOPED THAT PERU'S PROPOSAL ON THE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA WILL BE SEEN AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. HE DEFENSIVELY SAID THAT THE CHILEANS ARE LIKELY TO SEE IT AS A CLEVER DODGE. GARCIA BEDOYA SAID US SUPPORT WOULD BE HELPFUL. LUERS SAID THAT WE OBVIOUSLY WOULD NOT TAKE ANY POSITION ON THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS BUT WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSION.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES

NONE SENT TODAY.

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EB - JULIUS L. KATZ

1. SUGAR POLICY

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I PAID A CALL ON CONGRESSMAN BOB BERGLAND (D-MINN.), A KEY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE CONCERNED WITH SUGAR POLICY. HE INTRODUCED A VARIABLE LEVY BILL IN THE LAST SESSION AND INTENDS TO REINTRODUCE IT WHEN THE NEW CONGRESS CONVENES IN JANUARY. SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD NOT BE VIEWED FAVORABLY BY FOREIGN PRODUCERS SINCE IT WOULD CAPTURE THE PREMIUM PRICE FOR SUGAR IN THE U.S. MARKET AND TRANSFER IT TO THE U.S. TREASURY. I RAISED WITH BERGLAND THE IDEA OF PUTTING THE PROCEEDS FROM THE LEVY INTO AN EARMARKED DEVELOPMENT FUND SO AS TO MITIGATE THE FOREIGN REACTION. HE WAS ATTRACTED TO THE IDEA. I ALSO SOUGHT AND OBTAINED HIS SUPPORT FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, POINTING OUT THAT THIS COULD PROVE TO BE A BENEFICIAL ALTERNATIVE TO U.S. PRODUCERS IN THE EVENT OF A FAILURE TO ENACT DOMESTIC SUGAR LEGISLATION (THE OUTCOME OF WHICH IS PROBLEMATICAL..

2. MEAT

I RECEIVED A CANADIAN DELEGATION FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON THE 1977 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM. I MADE

IT CLEAR THAT IN THE EVENT THE PRESIDENT OPTED FOR A NEW VOLUNTARY PROGRAM FOR 1977 WE COULD NOT HAVE CANADA UNCONTROLLED AS IN THE PAST SINCE, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IT WAS THE OVER-THE-ESTIMATE SHIPMENTS FROM CANADA WHICH TRIGGERED THE QUOTAS IN OCTOBER. THE CANADIANS ACCEPTED THIS VIEW AS A PRACTICAL MATTER AND WE DISCUSSED THE FORM AND SHIPMENT LEVELS WHICH MIGHT BE APPLIED TO CANADA. WE EXPECT IMMINENTLY FROM THE WHITE HOUSE THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE 77 PROGRAM AND ASSUMING THAT THE PRESIDENT DECIDES ON A VOLUNTARY APPROACH WE INTEND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY IN WASHINGTON WITH THE TWELVE PRINCIPLE SUPPLYING COUNTRIES.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES - NONE.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

PORTUGUESE ASSISTANCE. I BRIEFED SENATORS HUMPHREY
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AND CASE ON THE PORTUGUESE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THIS MORNING; THEY BOTH SAID THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT IT. THEY WILL BE ASKING FOR MORE DETAILS, AND THEY STRESSED THE NEED TO GET THE BANKING COMMITTEE ON BOARD, BUT ON THE BASIS OF MY GENERAL PRESENTATION THEY SAW NOTHING TO TAKE EXCEPTION TO. HUMPHREY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT CASE THOUGHT WE SHOULD TRY TO GET SOME OPEC COUNTRIES IN THE CON-SORTIUM. YEO LATER TOLD ME HE WOULD BE SEEING PROXMIRE AND STEVENSON SOON, AS HUMPHREY SUGGESTED.

CYPRUS. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CAME IN UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE WITH BRUCE LAINGEN THE INCREASING GOC CONCERN OVER TURKISH ACTIONS THAT THEY CLAIM ARE FORCING THE REMAINING GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE ENCLAVED VILLAGES ON THE KARPASS PENINSULA TO MOVE TO THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND. THE GOC IS MAKING SIMILAR APPROACHES TO THE OTHER FOUR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND HOPES IT WILL TAKE UP THIS MATTER, PERHAPS WHEN THE UNFICYP RENEWAL QUESTION IS CONSIDERED BEFORE DECEMBER 15. LAINGEN SAID WE RECOGNIZED THIS AS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM AND WOULD REGRET ANYTHING COMPLICATING THE OUTLOOK FOR A SETTLEMENT. WE WILL INDICATE OUR CONCERN TO THE TURKS AND GET THEIR SIDE OF THE CASE.

SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. JAMES LEONARD (UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION) CALLED JACK ARMITAGE AND SPOKE OF HIS GROUP'S MOSCOW TRIP. ARBATOV GAVE THEM RED CARPET TREATMENT AND THEY HAD TWO HOURS WITH PONOMAREV. THE SOVIETS CONVEYED THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION AND YOU, BUT WISH TO PASS TO

THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION THAT THOUGH THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY--EVEN A BIT OF MISTRUST--OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, THE SOVIETS WANTED TO SEE US-SOVIET RELATIONS IMPROVE. (THERE WAS STILL SOME GRUMBLING ABOUT THE TOON APPOINTMENT WHICH THE GROUP REBUFFED.) THE US GROUP TOOK A FIRM LINE THAT THE SOVIETS NEEDED TO COME UP WITH SOME PERCEPTIBLE PERFORMANCE ON BASKET THREE. ARBATOV ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED TO DO SO BUT DEPICTED THE LEADERSHIP AS HOSTILE TO CONCESSIONS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. WE WILL GET MARSHALL SHULMAN, WHO WILL BE RETURN-SECRET

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ING TO MOSCOW NEXT WEEK, TO PROBE A BIT FURTHER AS TO BASKET THREE AREAS WHERE THERE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE SOVIET MOVEMENT.

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CHURCHES AND CEMETERIES IN THE USSR. JACK ARMITAGE MET WITH RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER (APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION.) HE ASKED THAT WE CONSIDER SETTING ASIDE AN AREA IN OUR FUTURE EMBASSY COMPLEX IN MOSCOW FOR A TRI-FAITH CHAPEL, WITH FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDATION. AT OUR SUGGESTION, HE UNDERTOOK TO SOUND OUT OTHER INTERESTED RELIGIOUS GROUPS. HE ALSO PRESENTED A LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU ASKING THAT THE USG MAKE AN APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT JEWISH CEMETERY NEAR THE CZECH BORDER DECLARED A NATIONAL MONUMENT. THE CEMETERY IS NOW INACTIVE AND IS THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES. JACK SUGGESTED THAT THE INTERESTED AMERICANS MAKE A DIRECT PITCH TO THE SOVIETS WHICH WE COULD THEN SUPPORT IN OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

THE FRENCH ON QUEBEC. DICK VINE HAD LUNCH WITH SAVIER DENIAU, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND LONG TIME FRIEND OF FRANCOPHONE MOVEMENTS, TO DISCUSS QUEBEC. SURPRISINGLY DICK FOUND HIM PREPARED TO BRAND LEVESQUE AND THE PARTI QUEBECOIS AS A MODERATE MOVEMENT, NOT PARTICULARLY INSPIRED TO SEEK POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE BUT SOLELY SOME DEGREE OF CULTURAL AUTONOMY. DICK POINTED OUT THAT WE DID NOT SEE THE QUEBEC ELECTION AS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF SEPARATISM AND POINTED OUT THAT A FRAGMENTED CANADA WOULD NOT BE IN THE US INTEREST. DENIAU AGREED LIKE A SHOT THAT IT WAS NOT IN THE FRENCH INTEREST EITHER.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE TODAY

IO - LEWIS

1. ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

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MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET INFORMALLY THIS AFTERNOON AND DECIDED TO HOLD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON DECEMBER 3 PRIOR TO A FORMAL MEETING ON THE SAME DAY TO ELECT A SECRETARY GENERAL. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROCEDURE. THE CHINESE DID NOT SPEAK.

2. FARAKKA BARRAGE

INDIA AND BANGLADESH REACHED AGREEMENT TODAY ON A CONSENSUS RESOLUTION ON THE FARAKKA BARRAGE ISSUE. THE US REP EXPRESSED OUR SATISFACTION THAT THEY HAD DONE SO AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO PROCEED WITH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES:

NOV 24 GUAM: USUN INSTRUCTED VOTE AGAINST USUN RESOLUTION CONTAINING LANGUAGE CONCERNING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLAND AND IMPLYING SOME DOUBT ABOUT US ADMINISTRATION.

L - MONROE LEIGH

--I CONFERRED WITH BUTLER, GENERAL COUNSEL OF FEA, REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEWING ARAMCO NEGOTIATING DOCUMENTS IN THEIR PRESENT FORM.

--I CONFERRED WITH EAGLEBURGER ON A VARIETY OF TRANSITION MATTERS.

--I APPROVED LEGAL MEMORANDUM AUTHORIZING AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO TO SIGN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT FOR PROVISIONAL MARITIME BOUNDARY.

--ALDRICH CHAIRED A MEETING WITH STATE, DEFENSE AND ACDA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE LAWS OF WAR NEGOTIATIONS TO REVIEW POSITIONS WE SHOULD TAKE AT CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK IN BONN WITH THE FRG, UK, FRANCE AND CANADA.

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--FELDMAN TALKED WITH EMBASSY MEXICO AND WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS OF MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT.

--FELDMAN MET WITH CONSULTANTS TO THE UN CENTER ON
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHO ARE PREPARING STUDIES FOR
THE WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

--ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

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